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DEATH.

At the General Hospital, Shanghai, on the 15th December, 1893, EDMUND J. COATE, aged 35 years.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

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TELEGRAMS.

THE TAMIL NEGOTIATIONS.

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THE INDIAN LOAN BILL.

The Indian Loan Bill, to extend the borrowing powers of the Secretary of State, has passed the third reading in the House of Commons.

THE POSITION OF THE GOVERNMENT.

The prolonged session is exhausting both members and officers of the House. The *Times*, commenting on the deadlock in Parliamentary business, discusses the rumour that Mr. Gladstone's Government is "riding for a fall," but doubts the probability of a dissolution, the Government being fully aware that the result of an appeal to the country would be adverse to them.

DAHOMEY.

PARIS, December 18th. General Dodds is in full pursuit of King Behanzin, whose capture is imminent.

SIAM.

M. Deloncle has given notice of an interpellation on the Siamese question.

Sir E. Grey has informed the House of Commons that the Protocol regarding the "buffer state" has been signed.

THE ANARCHIST OUTRAGE.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

SEVERAL columns of interesting matter, including "Sporting Gossip," are unavoidably crowded out of this issue.

How true it is that some men are as covetous as if they were to live for ever, and others as profuse as if they were to die to-morrow.

HONGKONG has been thoroughly invaded by the Hopo of Canton's mandarins—in fact, the city is crowded with Chinese C. M. G.

THE U.S.S. *Baltimore*, the new flagship for this station, arrived at Singapore on the 10th inst. and was under orders to leave for Hongkong on the 13th.

NAUGHTY LITTLE GIRL.—"Ma, did God make everybody?" "Yes, dearie." "Did he make that ugly Mr. Solomons?" "Yes, dearie." "Well, I wouldn't have thought it of him."

LONDON is to have an art exhibition next May, which will be limited to matters concerning women. Portraits of women, fans, jewelry and lace are some of the subjects included.

OUR felicitations to Mr. Bellio on his latest glorious achievement in the cause of human progress and enlightenment (sheen!) will be conveyed to our honorable friend through the columns of the *Telegraph* to-morrow.

HIS Excellency T4, the Hockwan Taoai (Hoppo) of Canton, arrived here this morning from Shanghai, by the China Merchants' steamer *Hesaya*, and has made the Victoria Hotel his headquarters during his stay in the colony.

M. A. S. Watson & Co. have issued a small pocket calendar for 1894, containing scales of sampan and ricksha fares, tramway timetable, postal and other useful information, prettily bound and delicately perfumed; also an artistic wall calendar.

In the opinion of the *Sydney Bulletin*, signed journalism, on the Continent, is one of the instruments of tyranny, and has ruined men who, in Britain, would have won splendid positions. The principle, as such, is mischievous, interfering with a free expression of public opinion.

THE rehearsals of "Princess Toto" at the City Hall Theatre are proceeding in a most satisfactory manner, and we learn on competent authority that a really enjoyable entertainment may be confidently anticipated. The dances are said to greatly exceed anything yet seen on the amateur stage in Hongkong.

The noted Ching Ling Foo troupe of acrobats and conjurers are to appear in St. Andrew's Hall, to-night, and those who have not yet witnessed the really clever performances of these artists should not miss the opportunity of doing so. Quite a new programme is to be submitted to-night and a number of novel and mystifying tricks will be introduced.

THE new law on shipping bounties in France raises the extra bounty on steamers built on plans approved by the Minister of Marine, and thus made suitable for use in time of war, from 15 to 25 per cent, and a decree has now been issued explaining that only those vessels will secure the premium which shall have been built in France and passed the most rigorous inspection by officers and engineers of the Navy.

WE would specially direct attention to the general meeting of the Hongkong Benevolent Society, to be held in the City Hall at noon on Friday next. The Committee of this useful institution are most anxious that the work done by the Society should be as widely known as possible, and it is hoped that the meeting will be largely attended. From private inquiries we find the Hongkong Benevolent Society has done a deal of good in a quiet and unobtrusive fashion, and is thoroughly deserving of public support.

WITH reference to the seizure of the "Shan" steamer *Shan* in Singapore, in consequence of \$2,000 worth of contraband opium having been found on board, we learn that the Straits Government has ordered the temporary release of the vessel on sufficient security having been given by the Company's agents. The Government had reserved its decision as to whether the steamer will or will not be condemned, but it is evident that the *Shan* was not condemned. On the 1st instant, however, it was again seized, and the *Shan* was sent to the quay-side where she was impounded, the officers who impounded the steamer having been instructed by the *Shan* to do so.

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By an advertisement appearing elsewhere it will be noted that the General Manager of the High-level Tramways Company have modified their advertisement scheme; now only space at the stations will be available and tenders for the same will be received at the Company's office, Queen's Road, up to the 20th inst.

THE Countess Louise Clarendon, it is stated, now sells matches on the steps of the palaces of Monte Carlo, where the Italian Legislature meets, a body over which her husband presided as Speaker some years ago. The Countess was also one of Garibaldi's most distinguished associates, Mayor of Rome, etc., all of which is duly set forth upon a placard which the countess wears hung around her neck while hawking matches for sale.

IN accordance with the provisions of a special agreement entered into between the Nippon Yusen Kaisha and Mr. J. Tata, a large mill-owner of Bombay, acting on behalf of a number of leading Indian cotton merchants, two steamers have been chartered in London to load for Bombay and then augment the recently inaugurated Bombay-Japan line of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, which is running in opposition to the F. & O. Co.'s vessels. Freights from Bombay to Hongkong and Japan have dropped to 10 per cent. in the last few weeks, and are still falling.

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2. Mortality returns for weeks ended the 9th and 16th December, 1893.

3. Correspondence respecting 4 cases of small-pox removed from the steamship *Glova* to the *Hysda* on the 6th December, 1893.

4. Correspondence respecting the disinfection of the steamship *Glova* where a case of small-pox occurred.

5. List of prosecutions instituted by the acting Sanitary Superintendent for the month of November.

6. Pavilion from shark-fin dealers.

THE St. Petersburg correspondent of *The Times* states that the *Ural* is now being fitted out for sea, and it is, to say the least, a remarkable circumstance that the English Navy has not a single ship afloat capable of overtaking and capturing this Russian vessel. It is supposed that the *Powerful* and *Terrible* have been designed for that purpose, but so far only one of them has been laid down, and that quite recently. The first-class armoured-clad *Three Saints*, engined by Messrs. Humphreys and T. Tennant, is to be launched at Nikolaevsk next week, and Russia will then have no less than six first-class battle-ships in the Black Sea, besides gun-boats, torpedo-boats, and torpedo-boats. At least one more vessel of large size is to be laid down shortly in the waters, and in estimating the balance of power in the Mediterranean it is impossible to leave altogether out of consideration this very powerful fleet, which, directly or indirectly, may make its force felt through the great struggle for supremacy comes.

The Secretary read a mass of minutes (including committee meetings), noting that the absence of the Provs had been greatly regretted; but he did not mention the reason—that representatives of the Provs had always gone to the trouble of attending the meetings and publishing full reports, in response to courteous request until the door was suddenly shut in their faces.

Capt. Harris begged to resign the honorary treasurership, as he could not now spare the time to do the duty properly. He presented a statement of accounts, showing that all liabilities (about \$1,000) had been liquidated and the Association now had a perfectly clean sheet and a small credit balance.

The accounts were passed and ordered to be printed and circulated; and it was resolved that future copies must always be circulated before the passing (it having been the first instance since the Association started, in 1890). A cordial vote of thanks to Capt. Harris was also passed, and it was stated that a subscription had been opened for a testimonial to him. Capt. T. Hall of the *Formosa* was elected treasurer for the ensuing year.

The President then reviewed the party from a mercantile marine point of view, at great length. He referred to the proposed exclusion of aliens from British ships; to the Observatory Committee; to technical lectures and papers provided by kindred associations in London, and Liverpool; and to the question of *admission* among ship-officers. Finally he invited discussion on his remarks.

This invitation, several times repeated, was not accepted.

Some discussion as to relations with the Shanghai Association led to nothing.

The Committee was abolished by a unanimous vote, and its work left to monthly general meetings of members.

A proposal for differential rates of subscription according to rank was not supported.

Shortly before midnight, the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

NEWS BY THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The following telegrams from our San Francisco exchanges were crowded out of last night's issue—

NEW YORK, November 19th.

The Brazilian ship *Nictheroy*, later the *Cid*, is now ready for sea, and it is possible that she may get off to-night. If not, she will sail tomorrow, without fail. Minister Mondros was aboard today. He is of the opinion that the *Nictheroy* happens to encounter one of Mello's formidable war ships, such as the *Aquidabas*, which is 100 feet long, ten feet beam, decked all over, the hull and up the bow covered with iron plates, an armament of twenty-two, horse power furnaces steam for ten hours, with three-quarters of a cord of dry wood.

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crowd of jumbers visit him, and he has forthwith to go to his cabin box, or his works will be stopped; whether he is stopped or not depends upon how much he is willing to pay. I know an old *Hanlin* who owned shares in many coal mines that cost him nothing, only in case of trouble his serv'ce's influence were required. There are many valuable mines not being worked, solely on account of the *fishes*. In some districts, lawsuits over coal mines are the magistrates' greatest source of income. In several of the large mines in Hunan the miners will have none of the officials' interference; the miners and varying coolies number several thousands of men, and no *gavels* ranger will dare invade their premises with a warrant; so they are not troubled with lawsuits. The country is full of good coal, but, for want of proper laws and transport facilities, Hong Kong can't compete with native coal in this market.—*Shang-hai Mercury.*

MORE LIKELY TO BREAK DOWN.

Who hasn't heard of the good old Deacon in America, and his ideas of how a chair should be built so as to run for ever without repairs? I dare say we all have, yet he hasn't quite gone stale yet.

He said, you remember, that the reason chairs break down and didn't wear out was that there was always a weakest spot somewhere about them. Now said the Deacon, the way to fix it is make that spot as strong as the rest. Then the whole might wear out, but couldn't break down. He built a chair on that principle; it never broke down; it ran a hundred years exactly, and then one day it went to pieces all at once, and nothing first, just as bubbles do when they burst. Its time was come for, as the man says who once told the story in rhyme, "little of all we value here, wakes on the morn of its hundredth year, without both feeling and looking queer."

Yes, and long before that time most of us begin to look and feel queer. And it's all on account of that weak spot, too. If it won't do for that we should be like the Deacon's chair—we should run till we wear out. At least we break down on the road, often beyond repair. But not always.

Otherwise a certain man could never have used these words: "I feel as smart to-day as I did thirty years ago." His story, in his own words, runs this way:

"From my youth I was never properly well. I had a bad taste in the mouth and pain after eating. Often I couldn't touch food when it was set before me. I felt a gnawing at the stomach and a tightness at the chest and sides. Sometimes my bowels were so swollen I had to loose my clothes. I had violent pains in my head for days together. This continued for years and years. About thirty years ago I began to have rheumatic pains all over, especially in the back and legs. I was so bad I couldn't walk without a stick, and on my way to and from my work I had to sit down and rest.

"I got no proper sleep at night owing to the pain. Day nor night, I never knew what it was to be free from pain. At times I went by I became quite crippled. Doctor after doctor gave me medicines and rubbing bottles, but none of the things I tried did any good. The doctors said my ailment was rheumatism and lambs and made light of it, but it was serious enough to me. For thirty years I suffered dreadfully. My wife used to rub me before the fire night after night and apply flannels, relieving me only for the time. I gave up all hope of ever being well again, when in November, 1857, I read of the good Mother Soigel. Syrup had done in as many cases. I began to use it, and after taking a few bottles all my aches and pains left me and have never returned since. This medicine seems to have driven all the poison out of my system, and I feel as smart to-day as I did thirty years ago, for which I thank God and Soigel's Syrup. Had I used it sooner I should have been saved years of suffering." (Signed) WILHELM BROWNE, Douglas, near Cork, Ireland, January 7th, 1892.

Mr. Stoddart is gardener at Mrs. Edwards', the Island, Rochester, and has a shop at Douglas. He is a very respectable man and has been in service at Mrs. Edwards' twenty years.

In his letter he further states that from boyhood he was a victim to indigestion and dyspepsia. This fact explains the rheumatism, as it was the cause of it. He still suffers from the torpid stomach and liver, and the blood, lodged in the joints and muscles, and gave rise to all the consequences he describes. The use of the Syrup has expel the toxins from the body, and set the digestive mechanism healthy at work, for the first time in this man's life.

This was the way the human vehicle broke down in Mr. Stoddart's case, but fortunately for him he came across something that had power to repair it. Better watch the weak spots. Delays are dangerous.

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

19th December, 1893.—At 4 p.m.

STATION.	Lat.	Long.	Alt.	Temp.	Wind.	Wdir.	Humid.	Press.	Wdir.	Wind.	Humid.	Press.
Waddington	10° 15'	112° 45'	1000	70	SW	SW	70	1019.5	SW	SW	70	1019.5
Tokio	35° 45'	139° 45'	1000	70	SE	SE	70	1019.5	SE	SE	70	1019.5
Nagasaki	35° 15'	130° 45'	1000	70	SE	SE	70	1019.5	SE	SE	70	1019.5
Shanghai	31° 15'	120° 45'	1000	70	SE	SE	70	1019.5	SE	SE	70	1019.5
Amoy	25° 15'	115° 45'	1000	70	SE	SE	70	1019.5	SE	SE	70	1019.5
Aspin	30° 15'	110° 45'	1000	70	SE	SE	70	1019.5	SE	SE	70	1019.5
Bacon	30° 15'	105° 45'	1000	70	SE	SE	70	1019.5	SE	SE	70	1019.5
Cambo	20° 15'	100° 45'	1000	70	SE	SE	70	1019.5	SE	SE	70	1019.5
Hongkong	22° 15'	114° 45'	1000	70	SE	SE	70	1019.5	SE	SE	70	1019.5
Victoria Peak	22° 15'	114° 45'	1000	70	SE	SE	70	1019.5	SE	SE	70	1019.5
Orchard	22° 15'	114° 45'	1000	70	SE	SE	70	1019.5	SE	SE	70	1019.5
Macau	22° 15'	113° 45'	1000	70	SE	SE	70	1019.5	SE	SE	70	1019.5
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Hilpham	10° 15'	112° 45'	1000	70	SE	SE	70	1019.5	SE	SE	70	1019.5
Malma	10° 15'	112° 45'	1000	70	SE	SE	70	1019.5	SE	SE	70	1019.5
Cape St. James	50° 00'	135° 00'	1000	70	SE	SE	70	1019.5	SE	SE	70	1019.5

20th December, 1893.—At 10 a.m.

STATION.	Lat.	Long.	Alt.	Temp.	Wind.	Wdir.	Humid.	Press.	Wdir.	Wind.	Humid.	Press.
Waddington	10° 15'	112° 45'	1000	70	SE	SE	70	1019.5	SE	SE	70	1019.5
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